

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	Katsuhiko Takeuchi
Serial No.:	10/777,937
Conf. No.:	5512
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For:	INTERFACE APPARATUS AND PACKET TRANSFER METHOD
Art Unit:	2181
Examiner:	Abad, Farley J.

**RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Election/Restriction Requirement mailed September 18, 2009, Applicants elect Group I (claims 1-19).

Applicants respectfully traverse the Restriction Requirement at least with respect to Groups I and II. The claims of Groups I and II include numerous features (such as receive FIFO, a receive task file register, a send task file register, a send FIFO etc.) which would make the search significantly overlapping. Therefore, it would not place a serious burden on the Examiner to examine Groups I and II together. For this reason, Applicants respectfully request that at least Group I and II be examined together.

If a Petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for an extension of time for response is required to make the attached response timely, it is hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for an extension of time for response in the above-identified application for the period required to make the attached response timely. The Commissioner is hereby

authorized to charge fees which may be required to this application under 37 C.F.R.  
§§1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-2069.

Respectfully submitted,

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